

TIME OF THE GUNNER'S BIRD.

A Short Disquisition on Various Members of the Family of Wild Fowl.

BREEZY GOSSIP WITH THE BASE BALL FANS

With Trotter and Pacer—City League Meeting—Wheel Whisperings and Local Sport of All Shades and Kinds.

HAT the wild fowl season is about to be launched upon this section of the country there remains but little doubt.

Reports of arriving birds are coming in daily, and with a continuance of the weather the main body of the birds may be looked for inside of two weeks.

Already many of the most impatient and ambitious hunters have been out, and a stray mallard or two and a limited number of Hutchins geese and speckled fronts, the majority have met with success.

The first ducks that come up from the south in the springtime are invariably the pintails. (Anas acuta).

In the eastern states and even in the north, the Illinois river, this duck is called the spring duck, but out here he is known as the pintail.

The mallard, canvassback, ruddy, widgeon, goldeneye, butter ball and teal are not long in the wake of the pintail, and when once they have been seen, they are not long in waiting before the others come straggling after.

The canvassback (Aythya Vallentieri), of course, is the king of the wild fowl family, and is the most valuable to the sportsman.

He is larger by a pound or more than any of the congeners, and commonly rated as the greatest table bird in the world.

It would cost you five dollars to buy a young one in John Chamberlain's famous Washington restaurant today, and they often command as high a price as \$20 a dozen, unpressed.

The redhead (Anas ferina) is closely allied to this kind of waterfowl, and acts like him, yet in construction and every other way is distinctly different.

Like the mallard, the redhead is not only the most familiar bird of all the wild fowl genus, and I might add without fear of contradiction, the most popular, and the one that the majority of sportsmen, and quite deservedly so, too.

Mike Dwyer, Herbert Hollin and Charlie Schaeffer, and they will all be here to revel in the smiles of the queen of the vernal season.

In just three more weeks from last night the Omaha team will have a good start on the weather being at all auspicious, jump into active preliminary practice in the field.

Joe has had a good deal of experience in the uncertain depths of wood or base ball physical culture, and his ideas are not founded on the lines laid down in the books, but on a basis built from practical trial and error.

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penant winners? Well, they did, and it furnishes one of the most unique and anomalous pages in the history of the game.

First the Western league held its meeting at the Omaha team office, and the Omaha team was elected to the first honors in its last year's race into the cold world.

Then the Western association, not to be outdone, elected the Omaha team to the championship season as actual work on the diamond.

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ladies, will be invited. An attractive musical program has been arranged, and only those holding invitations will be admitted, as no entrance fee is charged.

As soon as practicable the race management of the Nebraska state fair should step forward and claim their dates and give us an outline at least of their probable program.

Trainer John Atkinson of Centerville, Ia., writes that his horse will take no man's dust in '95. Among a lot of good ones John will handle are Strathberry, 2:05 1/2, and Jack, a Pilot Medium gelding that has done his mile in 2:11 1/2.

Clinton Briggs' big roan champion, Alamo, goes to California next week and under Monroe Salisbury's management can be looked to to take the stud laurels this year.

As a pointer for Mr. Bristol, superintendent of the Nebraska state fair's superintend, is mentioned the fact that the Kansas City state fair will hang up over \$100,000 for the prize money.

The Minnesota Derby ought to have a great field this year. It is for the 2:30 class and the stake is \$5,000.

The Gentlemen's Driving association of Beatrice will hold its first annual meeting at Linden Tree park, Beatrice, on July 3 and 4.

Now that the board and officers of the Omaha Driving Club association have been elected, they should get to work at once on the construction of the buildings, track, etc.

The program for the races at the opening session of the State fair in Omaha is certainly an attractive one. It is the work of Superintendents W. H. Bristol and D. T. Mount, and demonstrates that these gentlemen recognize the fact that it is money that makes the mare go.

City Base Ball League Meeting. Representatives of the business firms contemplating the putting in of a team in the proposed City League of Base Ball clubs, are hereby notified that there will be a meeting in the office of the sporting editor of The Bee, Monday (tomorrow) evening for the purpose of organizing a team. It is bound to be a great season for the amateurs, and a city league can be made a big winner.

ROSE OUT OF TRAIN'S ANGER

Genesis of the Cozens House Now Converted Into a Theological Seminary.

PRESTIGE IT HELD IN FORMER DAYS

Some Facts About the Early Hotels of Omaha, Many of Which Have Totally Disappeared—The Beginnings of the Present Metropolitan Hostilities.

The recently consummated transaction by which the old Cozens property at Ninth and Harney streets is passed to the more serious uses of a theological seminary recalls the chain of interesting incidents which make the history of the time-worn landmarks.

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